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## CONKLING IN GOTHAM PROVES GREAT PUBLICITY AGENT FOR HAWAII

Treasurer of Territory Through New York Sun Boosts for the Islands and Their Prospects When the Panama Canal Is Opened to Traffic

The Hawaiian Islands are busily preparing themselves for the advance in trade that the completion of the Panama Canal is expected to bring them. This is the primary reason that has brought David Lloyd Conkling, treasurer of the Islands, to New York at this time, says the New York Sun of July 22.

He has negotiated here a government loan of \$1,500,000 on an issue of bonds. This money, together with \$1,600,000 that the Hawaiian Legislature has voted to appropriate, is to be used largely for the building of greater dock facilities in the Islands to accommodate the increased shipping that is looked for through the Panama Canal.

"When the big fleet came into Honolulu in 1908 on the long cruise," said Mr. Conkling yesterday, "we could only accommodate eight of the big ships at our docks. Since then the dock facilities have been increased, so that now we could accommodate twelve. And before the canal opens, by the last of next year, we expect to have completed dock facilities for sixteen big ships of deep draught. Expect Much of Canal."

"We expect the Panama Canal to do great things for Hawaii. We look for our commerce to increase heavily. For instance, in the sugar industry, which is the chief revenue of the Islands, the expense of shipping to the Eastern Coast of the United States ought to be cut down one-half."

"As this sugar is transported at present it is under the expense of being handled four times. It is shipped to Salina Cruz, the southern point of the Mexican isthmus, there reloaded and transported by rail to the Gulf of Mexico, where it is reshipped again to its northern destination. The canal shipment will cut out those two rehandlings and also the cost of rail transportation."

"The sugar crop in the Islands has increased from 250,000 to 600,000 tons in less than ten years. It is a continuous crop. Labor is never unemployed in the fields. Its increase has been due to improved methods of handling and principally to the advantages derived from the close union of Hawaii with the United States. The strides that we have been making in methods of handling may be recognized from the fact that the sugar making machinery that we have been making in the Islands ourselves at the Honolulu Iron Works is now being shipped to all the sugar countries of the Pacific, including Formosa and the Philippines."

Mr. Conkling said that the removal of the tariff on raw sugar would injure the Islands tremendously and would be strongly opposed by the planters. It is true, he said, that some of the profits on sugar plantations are very great, amounting to 45 per cent. on some of the smaller and moderate sized plantations.

The second big thing that the Panama Canal will do for the Hawaiian Islands, said Mr. Conkling, is that it will enable them to put Hawaiian fruit on American markets in the East, as they can not now. Transcontinental railroad shipping is prohibitive in price.

In spite of the fact that transportation charges for pineapple export are six times the cost of the pineapples in Hawaii, Mr. Conkling points out that the industry in canned pineapple has increased a hundredfold since 1903, until it now amounts to an export of 200,000 pineapples annually.

"The first crop of Hawaiian tobacco is now in Lancaster, Pa., being made into cigars," said Mr. Conkling. "It is only a very small crop that will make up into but 50,000 cigars. It is a beginning and ought to be successful."

Part of the proceeds from the issue of bonds that Mr. Conkling has just placed here are to be used for the extension of the water and sewer works of Honolulu, necessitated by a large increase of residences. It is another phase of the preparations for the increased activity already felt with much more to follow as the result of the Panama Canal.

Still another factor in the life of the Islands is the progressive campaign for the elimination of unsanitary lands that is now going on.

Tells of Drydocks. "In connection with our modern dock facilities we shall also have ready shortly the big naval drydock at Pearl Harbor, which will be capable of accommodating the navy's ships for any kind of repairs. We shall also have in time for the canal a floating drydock of a private concern which will accommodate for minor repairs."

Mr. Conkling reported the Islands in strong financial shape. For this year Hawaii will have a balance of trade in her favor of \$12,000,000. The exports will total \$50,000,000 and the imports \$38,000,000. The bonded debt is \$5,500,000, which is only 3.08 per cent. of the assessed valuation of the land on the Islands. The last census showed that the assessed valuation had increased from \$171,000,000 to \$176,000,000 in the last decade.

For the last seven years the treasury of the Territory has carried over a balance of from \$200,000 to \$600,000 yearly. The revenues of the Territory for this year amount to about \$4,000,000.

"The growth of savings banks deposits illustrates very forcibly the increase in prosperity of the Territory," said Mr. Conkling. "In 1901 they were \$304,000. For this year they are \$6,000,000. The bank deposits are now \$15,300,000 as compared with \$4,600,000 in 1910."

Of national politics Mr. Conkling

said that the President was strong. Governor Walter F. Frear is the leader of the Taft forces. The Bull Moose, said Mr. Conkling, have not yet sprung into the clearing as such.

## HIBISCUS SHOW FOR EXPOSITION

One hundred and fifty varieties of hibiscus are being set out by Dr. E. V. Wilcox, director of the Federal experiment station, for the Hawaiian exhibit at the San Francisco exposition. These plants must be set out now so that they will be in full bloom when the exposition is on.

Plans have been asked from local architects on both a temporary and a permanent building. The character of the Hawaii building has not yet been decided upon and cannot until after the Legislature appropriates money for the commission to go ahead with its plans.

A. P. Taylor, secretary to the commission, will make a flying trip to San Francisco to get in touch with the exposition authorities there and lay out work in cooperation with them. He leaves today.

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## POLL OF MORE THAN 15,000,000 VOTES IS EXPECTED THIS FALL

Statistical Abstract of the United States Shows That Total Voting Strength of Country Is About 18,000,000

WASHINGTON, July 25.—According to the figures to be found in the "Statistical Abstract of the United States, 1911," more than 15,000,000 votes will be polled in November. With a population of 90,000,000, in round numbers, the total voting strength of the country is about 18,000,000, but something must be allowed both for the stay-at-homes and for the large numbers of unnaturalized foreigners. There was no federal official record of votes cast in presidential elections prior to 1888, but the record from that year down to 1908 shows the following results: 1888, 11,381,408; 1902, 12,043,603; 1896, 13,813,233; 1900, 13,964,518; 1904, 13,523,119; 1908, 14,887,133.

The marked difference between 1892 and 1896 is accounted for by the comparative lack of interest in the former year and the unusual degree of interest in the latter. This interest was continued throughout the campaign of 1900. Both in 1896 and 1900 there was a very full vote polled. The decline of interest in 1904 is shown by the falling off of the vote in that year. The gain in 1908 shows that to have been true of that year which was true of the other years when William J. Bryan was a candidate—a full vote.

From 1888 down to 1908 the vote of the country has been divided between the two great political parties as follows:

|      | Republican | Democratic |
|------|------------|------------|
| 1888 | 5,444,237  | 5,540,050  |
| 1892 | 5,190,802  | 5,554,046  |
| 1896 | 7,035,838  | 6,487,916  |
| 1900 | 7,219,230  | 6,754,071  |
| 1904 | 7,628,834  | 5,984,741  |
| 1908 | 7,679,006  | 6,408,105  |

The details of the presidential vote in 1908 are as follows: Republican, 7,679,006; Democratic, 6,408,105; Socialist, 420,820; Independent, 83,569; Populist, 28,131; Socialist Labor, 13,825.

The increase of the straight Socialist vote in 1908 over 1904 was 18,360, while the Socialist Labor vote decreased by 19,889, a net Socialist loss of 1,529. But the Socialists have not been in control of several of the larger municipalities of the country, elected

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If a lady invites a gentleman to dinner and the meal is not all that is to be desired, is the gentleman justified in slapping the lady's face? Mrs. W. E. Collins, the hostess in the case, thought not so she had Manuel Manini arrested on a charge of assault and battery.

Mr. and Mrs. Collins invited Mr. and Mrs. Manini to take dinner at the Collins, Kalihi residence last Tuesday evening. But the pot and the fish were not well cooked. Manini claims, so, according to Mrs. Collins, Manini slapped her twice across the face. Manini was discharged.

Next to running the government as it ought to be run, a man is seldom quite sure what he could do best.